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To: Slugantz  
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CC: Hague  
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Date: 9/11/2014 1:24:48 PM

Subject: Re: Call from Sen. Blunt's office

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Should I contact digregorio this week or wait for larger congressional briefing? Also need u to join me on call tomorrow with Missouri AG staffer. Dana can share his email with you.

Sent from my iPhone

On Sep 11, 2014, at 12:13 PM, "Slugantz, Lynn" <[Slugantz.Lynn@epa.gov](mailto:Slugantz.Lynn@epa.gov)> wrote:

**fyi**

Thank you,

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**From:** Field, Jeff

**Sent:** Thursday, September 11, 2014 12:11 PM

**To:** Carey, Curtis; Peterson, Mary; Washburn, Ben; Slugantz, Lynn  
**Cc:** Jackson, Robert W.; Gravatt, Dan; Stoy, Alyse  
**Subject:** FW: Call from Sen. Blunt's office

Latest inquiry.

**From:** Schumacher, John [<mailto:jschu@usgs.gov>]  
**Sent:** Thursday, September 11, 2014 12:01 PM  
**To:** Field, Jeff  
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FYI --

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From: **Schumacher, John** <[jschu@usgs.gov](mailto:jschu@usgs.gov)>  
Date: Thu, Sep 11, 2014 at 11:29 AM  
Subject: Call from Sen. Blunt's office  
To: Michael Slifer <[meslifer@usgs.gov](mailto:meslifer@usgs.gov)>

Mike,

I had a call from Kari at Sen. Blunt's office this morning. She asked if USGS had released our report on the groundwater at West lake to EPA R7 yet?  
I told her, no, and that it was at the second level of peer review.

She asked when was the schedule for it to be "released". I told her that we had just had a phone call with R7 as they were asking about its status as well. I told her it was an administrative report and that it would be provided to EPA once it has official BAO approval.

She asked what was the process?

I told her I should be getting it back from the second peer review around Sept 22-23 and that after we had those comments back and provided there were none that would result in substantive changes, we were scheduled to have a phone call/briefing with R7 before end of the month to let them know what the general finding of the report were.

I then explained that after I addressed the review comments the draft report would go to editorial review/cleanup and then to Keith for BAO approval and at that point it was a "USGS product".

She asked if the draft document was subject to FOIA?

I responded that to my knowledge the draft was considered deliberative and not subject to FOIA.

She then asked if the BOA approval final document was subject to FOIA?

I responded that I'm sure it was. But that I would confirm that and let her know if that was not the case.

She also asked if USGS would be releasing the document ourselves?

I told her that I did not think we would be releasing it as it was an administrative report to EPA and we would be providing them the report.

She expressed some concern at this as mentioning that R7 had not always been forthcoming with releasing information and mentioned something about a USACE document(s). I made not comment.

She asked if once the document had BAO approval USGS could provide a briefing to the Senator (possibly in Mo or perhaps with a staffer via phone in D.C.)?

I responded that I would pass that request onto you and up the food chain but at my level I did not see any issues once the document has BAO approval.

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